

#### The Newsletter of

### **Montgomery Clean City Commission**

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### MCCC & Partners Protect Citizens from Identity Theft

Montgomery Clean City Commission held another successful shredding event on Friday, April 8, 2016. Approximately 700 citizens contributed a total of 28,000 lbs. of shredded paper during the event and generously donated 8,632 lbs. of non-perishable food items to benefit the Montgomery Area Food Bank. Shredding documents is a great way to protect against Identity Theft as well as getting all that paper recycled; Gilmore Services takes the shredded paper to be made into toilet paper.

MCCC partnered with MAX Credit Union, AARP Alabama, and Gilmore Services. City Councilman Richard Bollinger and Walmart Store # 4691 also provided generous financial support to make this event successful. MCCC will be hosting another Shredding Event in November. Call 625-2175 closer to that time to get the date and times of this terrific event.



MCCC Board Member collects food



AARP Alabama Volunteers



MCCC Board Member waits to help citizens with their papers



MAX Credit Union volunteers help with every aspect of the shredding

Thank you to all our partners!
We could not do this without your help!!!





MCCC has moved!

We can now be found at

317 N. Hull Street.

Come by and

See our new digs!

We can still be reached at

334-625-2175.



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#### **Lagoon Park Grand Opening**

On Monday, March 28, 2016, the Mayor officially opened the Lagoon Park Trail. MCCC is proud to have been a stakeholder in the impressive project. Taking 4 years, thousands of dollars raised through grants and donations, and around 6000 volunteer hours, this stunning addition to Montgomery's Park System will provide the citizens of Montgomery a place to ride bikes, walk, and enjoy getting close to nature without ever leaving town.



The Mayor was joined by representatives from city and county government, and the military as he announced the opening of Lagoon Park Bike Trail. The vision of the Lagoon Park leadership has provided Montgomery with a recreational showplace that will enhance life in Montgomery for years to come.









#### Blue Planet Defenders of Morris Elementary Wrap Up Year of Learning

On Friday, April 22, the Blue Planet Defenders of Morris Elementary were treated to a day of fun and educational activities at Fairview Environmental Park. The activities included learning about how the park helps abate litter in the area, plus the adverse effect litter has on the environment, how the "green infrastructure" of the park helps to protect water quality, and the interdependency of life in a wetland. All activities were "hands on" and lots of fun!

This year long environmental club, aimed at informing students of how wetlands and water sheds work and what they can do help protect the water in their city, was a partnership between the City of Montgomery, Alabama Clean Water Partnership, and MCCC, and made possible through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.





Educational Tool The Enviroscape



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#### Pintlala Blue Planet Defenders Enjoy a Field Day Wrap-up

The Blue Planet Defenders of Pintlala Elementary wrapped up their year of this engaging environmental club with an all-day field day at Laslie Hall's farm in Hope Hull on Friday, April 29. Educators from many specialties presented the students with information on archeology, soil testing, water testing, fishing, and more, showing Pintlala's 5<sup>th</sup> graders, hands on style, the pleasures of the natural world and the importance of taking care of it.

Ashley Henderson of Alabama Clean Water Partnership, April Jones of NRCS Alabama, Jimmy Smitherman of the County Extension Coordinator, and Missy Middlebrooks of ADEM where just a few of the individuals who, along with MCCC, provided fun and educational instruction to these eager learners. MCCC is proud to have been a part of this outstanding program.













### Adopt A Mile Montgomery

Litter costs the taxpayers of Montgomery thousands of dollars each year; littered areas can also lower property values and hurt in economic development and community pride. The Montgomery Adopt A Mile Program allows groups and businesses the opportunity to help keep Montgomery a great place to live. Groups can adopt one mile of city-maintained streets, helping to control trash and litter in the area. Groups are asked to host 4 clean-ups a year and are also asked to report any excessive trash and litter to the Montgomery Clean City Commission or Montgomery 311. In turn for adopting a mile two Adopt A Mile Montgomery road signs with your organization name will be placed on the adopted roadway. This is a great way to help give back to Montgomery, while also insuring our city stays beautiful for yours to come.

- Organizations will pick up litter along adopted road at least four (4) times a year
- Organizations will watch out for litter along adopted road and notify MCCC and Montgomery 311if there is a large amount of litter in the area.
- Two roadside signs will be placed by the City of Montgomery Traffic Engineering Dept. with the organizations name listed above.
- \$315 sign fee for Businesses and Individuals
- No sign Fee for Montgomery non-profit, government agencies, military group, schools universities, and scout troops.
- MCCC will provide trash bags, gloves, safety vests, and grabbers for clean-up events when requested (1) week ahead of scheduled clean-up.

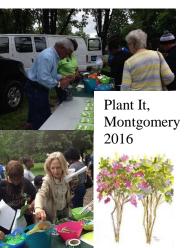
For more information contact Ken Ward, program coordinator, at <a href="williamkward97@gmail.com">williamkward97@gmail.com</a> or call 334-391-8146



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## MCCC Out & About This Spring









Earth Day Safari 2016 @ Montgomery Zoo







In April the Bridge Builders planted crape myrtle trees and knockout roses in the newly created green space at Lee High School. They also built a planter that will be the center piece of the Lee High Beautification project in partnership with MCCC.